

## Scanlon, Amy

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**From:** judith strand [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2016 4:06 PM  
**To:** Scanlon, Amy  
**Cc:** Rummel, Marsha  
**Subject:** Historic house 719 Jenifer

Hello Ms. Scanlon,

My home is at 745 Jenifer, 8 lots away from the Elks Club. A neighbor just made me aware of the proposal by the Elks Club to sell the historic house at 719. This is wonderful news. It is the first house on the block and provides an immediate impression of the Marquette neighborhood that one is entering. It's exciting to imagine it renovated, with human life in it, and devoted activity on the property. It is my understanding, however, that the Elks Club requests severing connection to the lake front, that is divided the house from the lake. This is completely at odds with the pattern of 10 lots of this block - of varying sizes and frontage, yet all narrow with residents intimately connected. (We even have terraced our yards to complement each other and provide a sense of flow rather than divisions.)

We all know that the pool of potential buyers will be affected by the sale of a house with a minimal yard versus a house with nice green space/yard and most significantly the ready access to the lake provided by even narrow shore frontage.

- Owner-occupancy (perhaps even a family) is increased by the desirability and potential of such a property. Owner-occupancy is reduced by a house with minimal yard and view of further Elks development.
- The value will be increased given shore frontage.
- Granted the asking price may be higher, but with limited lake homes the opportunity by an organization to sell it if reasonably priced will not be undermined.
- Returning lake property to the property tax roll whenever possible should be a priority.
- The Elks Club does not pay taxes despite a marina with multiple moorings for private boats and recently extensive pier additions. How can its development be a priority over the opportunity to take steps to return a historic residence to its appropriate use?
- The lot should be compatible with adjacent lot sizes and pattern for this block of Jenifer St. and beyond along the Third Lake Ridge.

These are just a few points being made by neighbors. I can find that the Elks proposal was on the July 18 agenda for Landmarks, but then referred. So far we haven't learned the next opportunity for input on this decision. Any advice or detail you can provide will be appreciated.

Sincerely, Judith Strand  
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